

## **REMARKS**

The Office Action dated October 20, 2004 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Claims 17-20 are pending in this application with claims 17-20 allowed. No new matter has been added or amendments made that narrow the scope of any elements of any claims. In the outstanding Office Action, claims 22-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 17-20 have been allowed.

### **35 U.S.C. § 101**

Claims 22-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the Office Action alleged that the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The cancellation of these claims renders the rejection of these claims moot.

### **Conclusion**

Applicant's remarks have overcome the rejection set forth in the Office Action dated October 20, 2004. Specifically, Applicant's cancellation of claims 22-33 renders moot the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 17-20, the only claims remaining in this application, are allowed.

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, allowance of claims 17-20, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 108131-00000**.

Respectfully submitted,  
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